(e) Yes, Sir. Work has been included in the Supplementry Budget 1997-98. Work is being executed on cost sharing basis with the Government of Gujarat and Ministry of Industry and is expected to be completed during 2000-01 subject to the balance amount from co-sharers becoming available.

Misuse of concessional rail passes

3799. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of concessional passes issued by the Railways to various categories are being grossly misued;

(b) if so, whether a task force constituted by the Railway Board to review the plethora of concessions has suggested provision of photo identity cards to check rampant misuse of the concession;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Task Force; and

(d) the reaction of Government on those recommendations and by when a final decision would be taken to check misuse of concessional passes, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no concept of Concessional Passes on Indian Railways.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Procurement of Wagons

3800. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons in FWUs planned to be procured during Ninth Five Year Plan;